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The Honorable John McCone, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Senator Prescott Bush to highly recommend Brigadier General William Ray Peers for your consideration, should it be your decision to appoint a military man as your Deputy Director.

General Peers is now serving in Omaha as the Chief of the JCS liaison group to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff.

I served under General Peers for two years during World War II. The General was Commanding Officer of Detachment 101, Office of Strategic Services, India-Burma Theatre. General Peers wrote a brilliant record in Intelligence, and in covert and overt operations, in one of the most difficult assignments of World War II. I have always regarded it as a singularly good stroke of luck that I had the opportunity to serve in his command. Since ours was a small and relatively unusual outfit, I had the chance to work very closely with General Peers even though I was an enlisted man for the bulk of the war.

I am not intimately acquainted with the details of General Peers' service since the summer of 1945, but I believe many of his assignments have been in Army Intelligence. As an active Army Reserve officer in that branch, with a vital and continuing interest in the future of the Central Intelligence Agency, I feel that no man could be better qualified by reason of demonstrated competence for the post as your Deputy than William Ray Peers. I write not for myself, but from the standpoint of what is best for the security of America.

With kindest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

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